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Sanjay Tripathy 2013 Jadewood Drive Morrisville, NC 27560

Re: Sanjay Tripathy v. Schneider, et al., 21-CV-6339

Dear Mr. Tripathy:

I received your letter dated April 9, 2024, regarding Defendants responses to your request for admission.

First, please refer to Docket No. 98, p.1. I clearly indicated that Department of Corrections and Community Supervision ("DOCCS") is not a party to this lawsuit and therefore, Defendants object to your continuous attempts to indicate DOCCS as a defendant in this matter. The purpose of the request for admissions is to provide a mechanism by which potentially disputed issues may be expeditiously resolved before trial. The served Defendants adequately provided answers to your request for admission.

Next, the "rule 36 does not require a party to explain why a request was denied." *Adobe Sys. Inc. v. Christenson*, No. 2:10-CV-00422-LRH, 2011 WL 540278, at \*6 (D. Nev. Feb. 7, 2011). Rule 36 permits "a party [to] deny a request for admission without giving any further explanation," *Dentsply Int'l Inc. v. Dental Brands for Less LLC*, 2017 WL 11567699, \*1 (S.D.N.Y. 2017).

I hope this helps to clear issues, if any.

Very truly yours,

s/Muditha Halliyadde
MUDITHA HALLIYADDE
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MH:kj Enclosure

cc: Clerk (via CM/ECF)